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AATA NEWS

Wishing you a Happy Holiday Season



AATA National Office

Dear members and subscribers, as 2017 comes to a close, we want to thank you for being part of our community this year. For those traveling in the coming weeks, we wish you safe journeys. The AATA sends our warmest regards to all of you this holiday season.

2017: Facts, figures and helpful resources from AATA



AATA National Office

2017 was a year marked by numerous accomplishments for the profession and for the Association. Read below a summary of achievements in public awareness, advocacy, organizational statements, campaigns & partnerships, professional developments, and the member experience. [READ MORE](#)

Distinguished AATA Members Recognized at 2017 Conference Awards Ceremony



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The American Art Therapy Association celebrated the distinguished recipients of honors, awards, and scholarships during our 48th annual conference in Albuquerque, NM. Then AATA President Donna Betts, PhD, ATR-BC, hosted the awards ceremony during the Breakfast Plenary on Saturday, November 11th before swearing in the 2018 Board of Directors and AATA President Christianne Strang, PhD, ATR-BC.



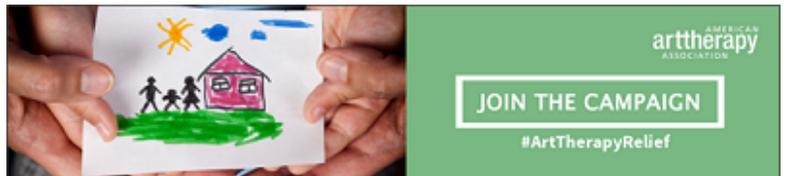
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Ten Days Left! Help Us Reach Our Goal to Support #ArtTherapyRelief for Our Communities



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"I'm donating because I think art allows us to find beauty and strength in the moments when darkness tries to overcome light."



There's only ten days left to participate in the AATA's online fundraiser to support art therapy for communities recovering from disasters. We will continue to raise funds through December 31, 2017. **This means that there's still time to donate** to assist the AATA in the development of art therapy events for relief and recovery efforts in devastated communities. [READ MORE](#)

AATA Featured Member



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Amber James, MS, is pursuing her ATR and works in the inpatient psychiatric unit at two hospitals in the metro-Detroit area. She spends most of her work hours at Henry Ford Kingswood hospital practicing art therapy on all five units of the 100-bed center, which serves children and adults with acute mental health needs. She also works at St. John's hospital on the adult inpatient psychiatric unit. James serves as the Legislative Chair for the Michigan Association of Art Therapy (MAAT). Of her AATA membership, she shares that "Being a member of the AATA and my local chapter has given me opportunities to explore the profession in ways other than working with clients. [READ MORE](#)

ART THERAPY IN THE NEWS



Sen. Casey to congress: Focus on passing CHIP, not tax overhaul bill

WESA-FM

U.S. Senator Bob Casey of Pennsylvania is urging Congress to shift its focus to funding the Children's Health Insurance Program, instead of pursuing the federal tax overhaul bill. The insurance plan covers nearly 9 million children nationwide whose parents make too much money to qualify for Medicaid, but too little to afford private insurance. About 180,000 Pennsylvania children are covered by CHIP. **READ MORE**

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